

Existing law requires that procurement by a public entity of materials and supplies having a cost exceeding \$15,000 be performed by advertisement and letting of contracts to the lowest responsible bidder.

New law provides an alternative to existing law for the purchase by political subdivisions of certain used fire and emergency response vehicles and associated equipment having a per unit cost of less than \$100,000. Defines fire and emergency vehicles and associated equipment to be strictly limited to:

- (1) Fire trucks, pumper units, hook and ladder trucks, and any other vehicles used to support specified fire fighting operations.
- (2) Ambulances, crash or rescue trucks, or other vehicles used to support police, fire, and medical personnel in responding to emergencies.
- (3) Associated equipment which supports fire fighting, emergency medical, and rescue operations including hoses, nozzles, helmets, axes, air packs, protective clothing, medical supplies, chain saws, and fibrillators.

New law defines used motor vehicle as a motor vehicle the legal title of which has been transferred by a manufacturer, distributor, or dealer to an ultimate purchaser.

New law, for purchases made pursuant to new law, requires compliance with a request for proposal (RFP) process which includes the following provisions:

- (1) Specifications for the desired vehicles or equipment, including any maintenance requirements, shall be prepared in advance.
- (2) Public notice shall be given at least 25 days before the date set for opening proposals. Requires at least one publication of an advertisement in a newspaper in the locality and, within 24 hours of such publication, the mailing of written notice of the RFP to entities

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